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Occurrence. *n. f.* [occurrence, Fr. from *occur*: this was perhaps originally *occurrentus*.]

1. Incident; accidental event.  
In education most time is to be bestowed on that which is of the greatest consequence in the ordinary course and occurrences of that life the young man is designed for. *Locke*.

2. Occasional presentation.  
Voyages detain the mind by the perpetual occurrence and expectation of something new. *Watts*.

Occurrent. *n. f.* [occurent, Fr. *occurrent*, Lat.] Incident; any thing that happens.

Contentions were as yet never able to prevent two evils, the one a mutual exchange of unseemly and unjust disgraces, the other a common hazard of both, to be made a prey by such as study how to work upon all *occurrents*, with most advantage in private. *Hooker's Dedicat.*

He did himself certify all the news and *occurrents* in every particular, from Calice, to the mayor and aldermen of London. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

Occursion. *n. f.* [occursum, Latin.] Clash; mutual blow.

In the resolution of bodies by fire, some of the dissipated parts may, by their various *occursion* occasioned by the heat, stick closely. *Boyle*.

Now should those active particles, ever and anon jostled by the *occursion* of other bodies, so orderly keep their cells without alteration of site. *Glauco. Scetf.*

Ocean. *n. f.* [ocean, Fr. *oceanus*, Latin.]

1. The main; the great sea.  
The golden sun salutes the morn,  
And, having gilt the ocean with his beams,  
Gallops the zodiac. *Shakespeare, Tit. and Andronicus.*

Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood  
Clean from my hand?  
*Shakespeare, Macbeth.*

2. Any immense expanse.  
Time, in general, is to duration, as place to expanse.  
They are so much of those boundless oceans of eternity and immensity, as is set out and distinguished from the rest, to denote the position of finite real beings, in those uniform, infinite oceans of duration and space. *Locke*.

Ocean. *adj.* [This is not usual, though conformable to the original import of the word.] Pertaining to the main or great sea.

In bulk as huge as that sea-beast  
Leviathan, which God of all his works  
Created hugest that swim th' ocean stream. *Milt. P. Lost.*

To darkness, such as bound the ocean wave. *Milton.*

Oceanic. *n. f.* [from *ocean*.] Pertaining to the ocean. *Diit.*

Ocellated. *adj.* [ocellatus, Latin.] Resembling the eye.  
The white butterfly lays its offspring on cabbage leaves; a very beautiful reddish ocellated one. *Derham's Physico-Theol.*

Ochre. *n. f.* [ochre, *ochre*, Fr. *ochre*.]

The earths distinguished by the name of *ochres* are those which have rough or naturally dusty surfaces, are but slightly coherent in their texture, and are composed of fine and soft argillaceous particles, and are readily diffusible in water.

They are of various colours; such as red, yellow, blue, green, black. The yellow sort are called *ochres* of iron, and the blue *ochres* of copper. *Hill's Mat. Med.*

Ochreous. *adj.* [from *ochre*.] Consisting of ochre.

In the interstices of the flakes is a grey, chalky, or ochreous matter. *Woodward on Fossils.*

Ochrey. *adj.* [from *ochre*.] Partaking of ochre.

This is conveyed about by the water; as we find in earthy, ochrey, and other loose matter. *Woodward on Fossils.*

Ochimy. *n. f.* [formed by corruption from *alchimy*.] A mixed base metal.

Octagon. *n. f.* [ὀκτώγωνος and *gonia*.] In geometry, a figure consisting of eight sides and angles; and this, when all the sides and angles are equal, is called a regular *octagon*, which may be inscribed in a circle. *Harris.*

Octagonal. *adj.* [from *octagon*.] Having eight angles and sides.

Octangular. *adj.* [ὀκτώγωνος and *angulus*, Lat.] Having eight angles.

Octangularness. *n. f.* [from *octangular*.] The quality of having eight angles. *Diit.*

Octant. *adj.* In astrology, is, when a planet is in such position or position with respect to another, that their places are only distant an eighth part of a circle or forty-five degrees. *Diit.*

Octave. *n. f.* [octava, Fr. *octavus*, Lat.]

1. The eighth day after some peculiar festival.

2. [In music.] An eighth or an interval of eight sounds. *Ans.*

3. Eight days together after a festival.

Octavo. [LÆ.] A book is said to be in *octavo* when a sheet is folded into eight leaves. *Diit.*

They now accompany the second edition of the original experiments, which were printed first in English in *octavo*. *Boyle.*

Attend the music of the spheres.

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Octennial. *adj.* [from *octennium*, Lat.]

1. Happening every eighth year.

2. Lasting eight years.

October. *n. f.* [October, Lat. *octobris*, Fr.] The tenth month of the year, or the eighth numbered from March.

October is drawn in a garment of yellow and carnation; upon his head a garland of oak leaves, in his right hand the sign scorpio, in his left a basket of services. *Peachum.*

Octodrical. *adj.* Having eight sides. *Diit.*

Octogenary. *adj.* [ὀκτάγωνος, Lat.] Of eighty years of age.

Octonary. *adj.* [ὀκτάγωνος, Lat.] Belonging to the number eight.

Octonocular. *adj.* [ὀκτώ and *oculus*.] Having eight eyes.

Most animals are binocular; spiders for the most part *ocnular*, and some *ocnular*. *Derham's Physico-Theol.*

Octopetalous. *adj.* [ὀκτώ and *πέταλον*, Gr.] Having eight flower leaves. *Diit.*

Octostyle. *n. f.* [ὀκτώ and *στύλη*, Gr.] In the ancient architecture, is the face of a building or ordonnance containing eight columns. *Diit.*

Octuple. *adj.* [ὀκτάπλος, Lat.] Eight fold.

Ocular. *adj.* [oculaire, Fr. from *oculus*, Lat.] Depending on the eye; known by the eye.

Prove my love a whore,  
Be sure of it: give me the *ocular* proof,  
Or thou hadst better have been born a dog. *Shakespeare.*

He that would not believe the menace of God at first, it may be doubted whether before an *ocular* example he believed the curse at first. *Bacon's P. Err.*

Ocularly. *adv.* [from *ocular*.] To the observation of the eye.

The fame is *ocularly* confirmed by Vives upon Auspin. *Br.*

Oculate. *adj.* [oculatus, Latin.] Having eyes; knowingly by the eye.

Oculist. *n. f.* [from *oculus*, Latin.] One who professes to cure distempers of the eyes.

If there be a speck in the eye, we take them off; but he were a strange *oculist* who would pull out the eye. *Bacon.*

I am no *oculist*, and if I should go to help one eye and put out the other, we should have but an untoward business of it. *DeFrange.*

Oculus belli. [Latin.]

The *oculus belli* of the modern jewellers, and probably of Pliny, is only an accidental variety of the agat kind; having a grey horny ground, with circular delineations, and a spot in the middle of them something resembling the sight of the eye; whence the stone had its name. *Wood.*

Odd. *adj.* [odda, Swedish.]

1. Not even; not divisible into equal numbers.

This is the third time; I hope  
Good luck lies in *odd* numbers. *Shakespeare.*

What verity there is in that numeral conceit, in the lateral division of man by even and *odd*; ascribing the *odd* unto the right side, and the even unto the left; and so by parity, or imparity of letters in mens names, to determine misfortunes. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. iv.*

2. More than a round number; indefinitely exceeding any number specified.

The account of the profits of Ulster, from the fifth year of Edward III. until the eighth, do amount but to five hundred and *odd* pounds. *Davies on Ireland.*

Sixteen hundred and *odd* years after the earth was made, it was destroyed in a deluge of water. *Burnet's Theory.*

The year, without regard to days, ends with an *odd* day and *odd* hours, *odd* minutes and *odd* seconds of minutes; so that it cannot be measured by any even number of days, hours, or minutes. *Holder on Time.*

3. Particular; uncouth; extraordinary; not like others; not to be numbered among any class. In a sense of contempt or dislike.

Her madness hath the *oddest* frame of sense,  
Such a dependency of thing on things,  
As e'er I heard in madmen. *Shakespeare, Measure for Measure.*

Of thee, kind boy, I ask no red and white,  
To make up my delight,  
No *odd* becoming graces,  
Black eyes, or little know not what's in faces. *Swelling.*

This blue colour being made by nothing else than by reflection of a specular superficies, seems so *odd* a phenomenon and so difficult to be explained by the vulgar hypothesis of philosophers, that I could not but think it deserved to be taken notice of. *New Opt.*

When I broke loose from writers who have employed their wit and parts in propagating of vice, I did not question but I should be treated as an *odd* kind of a fellow. *Spectator.*

No fool Pythagoras was thought;  
He made his lifting scholars stand,  
Their mouth still cover'd with their hand:  
Else, may be, some *odd* thinking youth,  
Might have refus'd to let his ears  
Attend the music of the spheres. *Prior.*

So proud I am no slave,  
So impudent I own myself no knave,  
So *odd*, my country's ruin makes me grave. *Pope.*

4. Not noted; not taken into the common account; unheeded.

I left him cooling of the air with sighs,  
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5. Strange; unaccountable; fantastical.

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As I, perchance, hereafter shall think meet,  
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It is an *odd* way of uniting parties to deprive a majority of part of their ancient right, by conferring it on a faction, who had never any right at all. *Swift.*

Patients have sometimes coveted *odd* things which have relieved them; as salt and vinegar. *Arbutn. on Aliments.*

6. Uncommon; particular.

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7. Unlucky.

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Will shake this island. *Shakespeare, Othello.*

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One man is pressed with poverty, and looks somewhat *oddy* upon it. *Collier on the Sylven.*

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vanced in knowledge, I suppose of equal natural parts; all the *odds* between them has been the different scope that has been given to their understandings to range in. *Locke.*

Judging is balancing an account, and determining on which side the *odds* lie. *Locke.*

2. More than an even wager.

Since every man by nature is very prone to think the best of himself, and of his own condition; it is *odds* but he will find a shrewd temptation. *South's Serm.*

The presbyterian party endeavoured one day to introduce a debate about repealing the test clause, when there appeared at least four to one *odds* against them. *Swift.*

Some bishop bestows upon them some inconsiderable benefice, when 'tis *odds* they are already encumbered with a numerous family. *Swift's Miscell.*

3. Advantage; superiority.

And tho' the sword, some understood,  
In force had much the *odds* of wood,  
'Twas nothing so; both sides were balanc'd  
So equal, none knew which was valiantest. *Hudibras.*

4. Quarrel; debate; dispute.

I can't speak  
Any beginning to this pcevith *odds*. *Shakespeare, Othello.*

What is the night?  
Almost at *odds* with the morning, which is which. *Shak.*

He flashes into one gross crime or other,  
That sets us all at *odds*. *Shakespeare, King Lear.*